



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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May 2, 2013

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division

Mr. Paul Amato, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ms. L.B. Nye, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
Ms. Jan Zimmerman, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
Ms. Diane Noda, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Ventura)
Mr. Robert Hoffman, National Marine Fisheries Service
Mr. Anthony Spina, National Marine Fisheries Service
Mr. David Lawhead, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Ms. Erinn Wilson, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Mr. Dan Blankenship, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Dear Agency Representatives:

The Corps requests your participation on the Interagency Review Team (IRT) for the establishment and management of the Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank (Bank), pursuant to the requirements of the 2008 Corps-EPA Compensatory Mitigation Rule (Rule) (33 CFR 332.8). The Bank would be managed by the sponsor, Land Veritas Corp., and is located in unincorporated Los Angeles County adjacent to Angeles National Forest and totals 3905.4 acres.

Briefly, the primary role of IRT members is to facilitate the establishment of the Bank through the development of a Bank instrument and supporting exhibits. The IRT would review documents such as a draft prospectus, draft instrument, and other appropriate documents and provide comments to the Corps (IRT Chair) in a timely manner. Once an instrument is finalized, IRT members are then asked to review and provide comments upon site-specific, draft documents such as grading plans, habitat mitigation and monitoring plans, long-term management plans, and other appropriate documents. Lastly, IRT members are expected to participate in meetings (e.g., field visits) as necessary to ensure successful implementation of the Bank.

An electronic copy of the draft prospectus and delineation report has been provided with this letter. In order to demonstrate progress towards meeting the requirements of the Rule, we request that you provide initial comments upon the draft prospectus within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Please confirm your agency's participation on the IRT and submit any comments on the Bank's draft prospectus by close of business June 2, 2013. We will give full consideration to any timely comments and advice of the IRT. Please refer to this letter and SPL-2012-00669-BEM in your reply.

We look forward to your participation on the IRT and receiving your comments. Should you have further questions regarding this letter, please contact Brianne McGuffie at 213-452-3419 or by email at Brianne.E.McGuffie@usace.army.mil

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Swenson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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